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C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 1007

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, IZ, US

SUBJECT: MINISTRY OF DEFENSE DELEGATION VISITING US

REF: BAGHDAD 897 (NOTAL)

1. AT RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 25, EAST GERMAN MILITARY, NAVAL AND AIR ATTACHE MAJOR WOLFGANG TSCHIER, SOUGHT ME OUT TO QUESTION ME CLOSELY ABOUT US VISIT OF GOI MINDEF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MILITARY WORKS (STAFF MAJOR GENERAL AGHA) AND DELEGATION TO DISCUSS CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MILITARY ACADEMY WITH US FIRMS IN CHICAGO AND DALLAS (REFTEL). HE APPEARED NOW AS MUCH AS OR MORE ABOUT VISIT THAN I DID, E.G. TTGE CORRECTLY NAMED US FIRMS INVOLVED AND ADDED (NEWS TO ME) THAT A SIDE TRIP TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA HAD BEEN ARRANGED. (IF TRUE, I ASSUME IN ORDER TO VISIT BLOUNT BROTHERS WHO ARE PART OF THE PERKIN AND WILL JOINT VENTURE).

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HE WANTED TO KNOW IF US WAS PLANNING TO SELL ARMS TO IRAQ.

I SAID "NO" AND REITERATED WHAT HE HAD CLEARLY ALREADY
LEARNED ELSEWHERE THAT GROUP WAS VISITING NOT ONLY US BUT
LEADING SWISS AND WEST GERMAN ARCHITECTURAL AND CONSTRUCTION
FIRMS WHICH HAD SUBMITTED BIDS FOR NEW MILITARY ACADEMY.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH TRIP HAS NOT BEEN PUBLICIZED IN
IRAQI MEDIA, IT IS NOT OFFICIALLY CONSIDERED "SENSITIVE" BY
MINDEF. ON OTHER HAND, USINT HAS NOT SPOKEN OF TRIP AND
PRESUMABLY VERY AGGRESSIVE AND CLOSELY KNIT GROUP OF MILITARY
ATTACHES IN BAGHDAD UNCOVERED IT THROUGH NORMAL CONTACT IN
MINDEF.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S
CONFIRMATION THAT GROUP IS IN FACT IN US (WE HAVE HAD NO
FURTHER INFORMATION SINCE WE ISSUED VISAS IN LATE AUGUST) AND
REPEAT REFTEL'S REQUEST FOR WRAPUP REPORT OF ANY OFFICIAL
CONTACTS.
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